— Nitrogen oxides addition to atmosphere by petrol driven vehicles is negligible as compared to commercial diesel vechicels.

(iv) Poor maintenance, erratic driving, ill-maintained traffic management and road network contribute to traffic congestion and pollution.

(v) The air quality, particularly at areas of high traffic density and during peak hours, shows a deterioration.

Project for protection of Bio-Diversity

7087. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is developing a project to project its bio-diversity with the assistance of IDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project also involves people's participation; and

(d) if so, the manner in which assistance of local people would be sought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project for conservation of biodiversity in Great Himalayan National park in Himachal Pradesh and Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu has been sanctioned with assistance of IDA at a total cost of US $ 5.3 million. The project has three components, namely, eco-development (US $ 3.3 million), Protected Areas Management (US $1 Monitoring and Evaluation (US $).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The project envisages participation and assistance of the local people in deciding the activities under eco-development through the process of Participatory Rural Appraisal.

Environmental clearance for waterways

7088. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the declaration of some waterways as National waterways has been pending in the absence of environmental clearnace;

(b) whether any study has been conducted by his Ministry on the environmental impact of those projects;

(c) if so, the facts revealed from the study; and

(d) the details of steps taken to clear those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been submitted for environmental clearance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shifting of polluting industrial units out of Delhi

7089. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of areas and industrial estates in the NCR have been identified for shifting polluting industrial units from Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has directed such polluting units to shift out of Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when all such units are likely to be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The master plan of 1990 for Delhi incorporated the decision requiring certain categories of industries including hazardous and noxious units, heavy and large industries and those operating in non-conforming areas to move out of Delhi to certain areas identified by the National Capital Region Planning Board. This however, could not be implemented because of the absence of identified sites for relocating these industries. The Supreme Court, in its judgement dated 24-3-1995, directed the Central Pollution Control Board to issue notices to these industries to stop functioning and shift their operations out of Delhi. The decision on